REMARKS

The outstanding Office Action includes a restriction requirement. It is believed that the restriction requirement has been rendered moot by the above amendment. The only claims remaining for examination in this application are claims directed to a method for shipping a vehicle shield device.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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